

# Arkansas

## Crop Progress and Condition



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### General

Last week every weather station reported receiving rain; seven of which received more than 4 inches, with Morrilton receiving the most at 5.31 inches of rain. For the last four weeks, Ozark has received 190 percent of the normal precipitation while Jonesboro and Brinkley have only received 18 percent of the normal. Gilbert has received over 200 percent of normal precipitation for the year while El Dorado has received only 69 percent of normal precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were 5 percent very short, 26 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus by the end of last week. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 19 percent short, 70 percent adequate, and 8 percent surplus. High temperatures ranged from 86 degrees Fahrenheit in Fayetteville to 97 degrees Fahrenheit in Jonesboro. Low temperatures ranged from 54 degrees Fahrenheit in Harrison to 69 degrees Fahrenheit in Eudora. The number of days suitable for field work was 5.8.

### Crop

Farmers irrigated their corn last week. The corn crop was 26 percent silked, which was 15 percent behind last year and 7 percent behind the 5-year average. Cotton squaring increased 22 percent to reach 26 percent but was 19 percent behind the 5-year average. Another 3 percent of the rice crop emerged last week to reach 98 percent. County agents reported that sorghum producers were irrigating their crop last week and the remainder of the crop was planted. Farmers planted an additional 9 percent of the soybean crop last week but some were delayed due to a lack of soil moisture in some areas. Soybeans emerged increased 12 percent to reach 64 percent but was still about two weeks behind 2007 and the 5-year average. Producers applied fertilizers and pesticides to crops as conditions allowed. The spring row crops remained in mostly fair to good condition. Winter wheat farmers made significant strides harvesting an additional 37 percent of the crop last week to reach 58 percent harvested, but were 18 percent behind last year and 7 percent behind the 5-year average. Vegetables were being harvested with a good demand for tomatoes being reported.

### Livestock

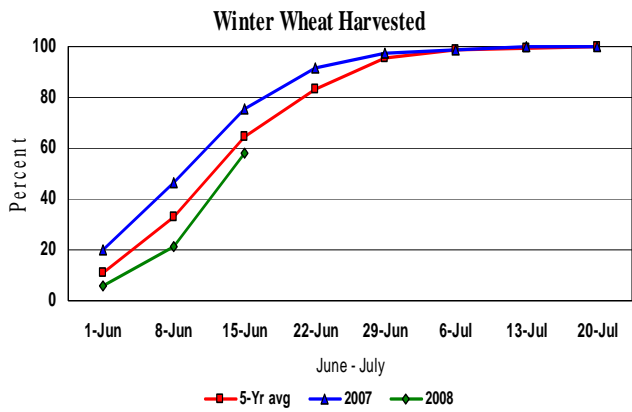
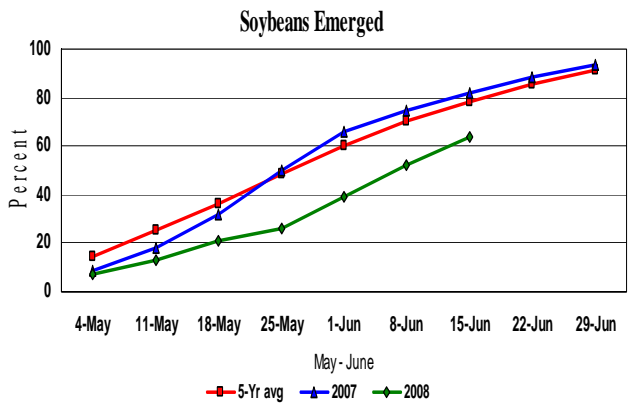
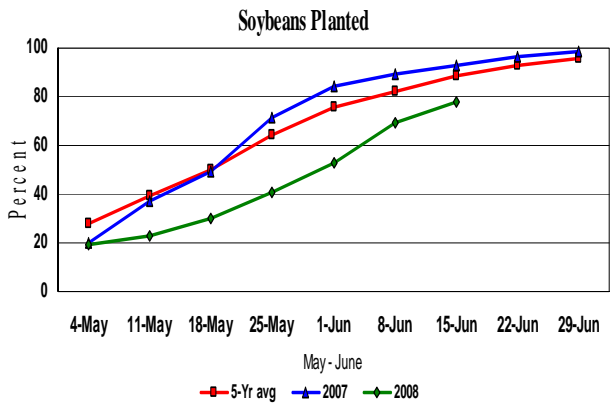
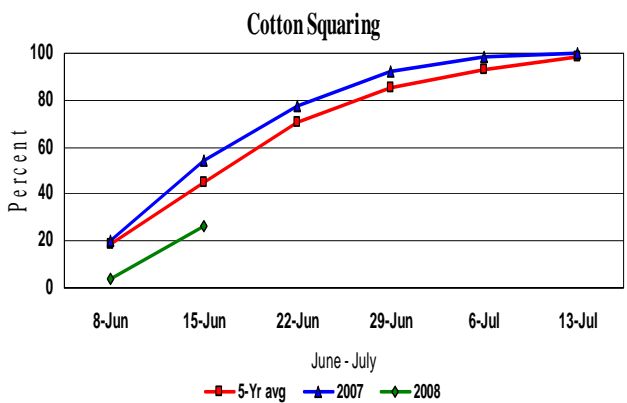
Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops were reported in mostly fair to good condition. Producers fertilized pastures and hay fields. They also continued to harvest hay.

### Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2007	5-Year Avg
Corn	Silked	26	n/a	41	36
Cotton	Squaring	26	4	54	45
Rice	Emerged	98	95	100	99
Sorghum	Emerged	100	97	100	99
Soybeans	Planted	78	69	93	89
	Emerged	64	52	82	79
Winter Wheat	Harvested	58	21	76	65

### Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	3	24	54	19
Cotton	0	6	33	51	10
Rice	2	5	30	49	14
Sorghum	0	6	42	44	8
Soybeans	1	6	43	39	11
Hay-Alfalfa	2	0	27	66	5
Hay-Other	1	2	31	60	6
Pasture and Range	0	1	25	65	9



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending June 15, 2008									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending June 15	4 wk	4 wk	Year to Date	
						Accum	Normal	2008	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	86	57	2	1.94	6.04	5.04	32.28	21.08
	Harrison	88	54	1	2.37	3.88	4.56	30.42	21.19
N. Central	Calico Rock	89	57	2	1.30	3.47	3.99	37.85	21.86
	Gilbert	89	57	2	1.49	4.73	4.49	44.57	21.51
	Greers Ferry	90	61	2	1.54	4.65	4.05	32.27	24.27
	Mtn. Home	89	60	3	0.48	2.24	4.21	38.57	21.59
Northeast	Batesville	91	61	3	1.15	1.67	3.82	28.05	22.86
	Blytheville	96	64	4	0.15	0.94	4.44	23.33	25.30
	Jonesboro	97	64	5	0.42	0.68	3.72	26.74	23.26
	Keiser	95	65	5	0.50	3.27	4.42	26.11	25.26
	Newport	91	65	3	0.59	0.78	3.88	29.46	23.62
W. Central	Booneville	94	61	1	4.97	6.21	4.64	37.69	22.93
	Clarksville	89	59	1	3.25	7.17	4.43	36.19	22.38
	Dardanelle	91	62	3	4.27	8.46	4.71	40.91	23.41
	Ft. Smith	90	60	1	4.93	7.94	4.57	33.83	20.60
	Mena	87	61	2	4.06	5.65	5.43	39.33	26.93
	Ozark	90	58	1	4.91	7.99	4.21	34.48	21.06
Central	Conway	90	63	2	2.83	6.24	4.28	34.05	23.43
	Hot Springs	92	64	2	3.54	6.61	5.35	37.96	27.64
	Little Rock	92	67	2	3.57	5.73	4.08	31.03	24.68
	Morrilton	90	61	3	5.31	7.16	4.66	32.48	23.45
	N. Little Rock	91	65	2	1.31	2.87	4.08	27.82	24.14
E. Central	Brinkley	92	66	3	0.20	0.80	4.49	25.67	25.83
	Marianna	93	66	3	0.26	2.05	4.45	30.55	26.86
	Stuttgart	94	66	2	1.07	2.32	4.15	26.26	25.11
	West Memphis	94	67	4	1.40	3.68	4.42	28.31	26.99
Southwest	DeQueen	93	67	3	4.08	4.35	5.00	25.52	26.16
	Hope	92	66	3	2.09	3.00	4.50	31.35	25.62
	Texarkana	91	67	1	2.18	3.69	4.18	27.21	21.78
S. Central	Camden	94	68	3	1.25	1.44	4.41	19.83	25.87
	El Dorado	93	66	2	2.33	2.57	5.05	19.02	27.37
	Warren	91	66	3	2.59	2.69	4.15	25.50	27.84
Southeast	Eudora	94	69	2	1.05	2.74	4.28	30.97	30.83
	Monticello	92	67	3	1.61	1.73	4.25	22.59	28.08
	Pine Bluff	92	68	2	1.80	2.33	3.91	20.63	25.65
	Rohwer	92	68	2	1.37	1.86	3.88	23.21	26.76

\* Departure from normal =  $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$  - 30 year average.

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